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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shigeru HOSOE et al.) Group Art Unit: 3651
Application No.: 10/619,110) Examiner: Mark A. DUEBLE
Filed: July 15, 2003)
For: CONVEYANCE APPARATUS, CONVEYANCE SYSTEM, AND) Confirmation No.: 5811)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.